



# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

October 17, 2006

Implementation of Laddered Procurement for Residential Basic/Default Service Customers of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company, d/b/a NSTAR Electric, for the Supply Period Beginning January 1, 2007.

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On October 16, 2006, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, d/b/a NSTAR Electric (together, "NSTAR Electric" or "Company"), informed the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") that it intends to implement laddering<sup>1</sup> of basic/default service for its residential customers for the supply period beginning January 1, 2007, in compliance with the settlement agreement approved in Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 05-85 (2005).

NSTAR Electric filed with the Department a copy of its request for proposals ("RFP") for power supply for basic/default service, issued on October 5, 2006. The RFP solicits bids for basic/default service supply for commercial and industrial customers pursuant to the Department's current procurement practices, as well as basic/default service supply for residential customers under laddered one-year, two-year, and/or three-year terms.

On October 20, 2006, the Company intends to file the results of this solicitation, as well as the proposed basic/default service rates that result from the RFP, for Department approval. The Company will also seek approval of any power supply contract with a term in excess of one-year, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the process established in Pricing and Procurement of Default Service, D.T.E. 99-60-C at 8-9 (2000), the Department has five-business days to review this filing.

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<sup>1</sup> A laddered procurement approach is characterized by supply contracts of varying lengths.

<sup>2</sup> A copy of the Company's proposed master power supply agreement is included as part of the RFP.

The Company's RFP is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boston, Massachusetts for public view during normal business hours and it also available on the Department's Web site <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>. Copies are also on file for public view at NSTAR Services Company, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding NSTAR Electric's RFP should contact counsel for the Company, David Rosenzweig, Esq., at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Sheila Renner, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on the Company's RFP or the Company's forthcoming October 20, 2006 filing should file an original and four (4) copies of such comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, **not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2006**. One copy must also be sent to David Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin, LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-3113.

All written comments also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [sheila.renner@state.ma.us](mailto:sheila.renner@state.ma.us) or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (2) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing also should include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site.



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Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, d/b/a NSTAR Electric (together, "NSTAR Electric" or "Company") shall serve a copy of: (1) the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments **no later than Wednesday, October 18, 2006**, and (2) its forthcoming filing seeking approval of its solicitation results, proposed basic/default service rates, and approval of any power supply contract with a term of excess of one-year **no later than Friday, October 20, 2006** on the service list for Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 05-85 (2005) and each licensed retail competitive supplier active in its service territories. The Company shall make return of service by October 24, 2006.

By Order of the Department

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary